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SPECIAL POINTS FOR PRAYER

GIVE THANKS : for preaching and speaking opportunities in so many places, in connection with the 40th Birthday.

for the response and interest by many people, to pray for the work, and to support it financially.

for the generous response to the 40th Birthday Thanksgiving Appeal.

for young men and women who have enquired about training to be evangelists in the Church Army, and for those who have applied to enter College next year (enquirers and applicants — 6 men and 4 women). Pray for those who are still seeking God's guidance about His Will in this matter.

FUTURE RESOURCES : Many opportunities for evangelism are opening from different areas. Please pray for the needs involved in possible new ventures — manpower and financial support. The Executive Board recently accepted a Budget for 1974-75 of \$122,950.00.

PARISH MISSION : Gayndah, Qld., 3rd to 10th November. Missioner : Captain R. L. Gwilt.

Suggested prayer — Heavenly Father, bless the Mission in the Parish of Gayndah. Bless those who go to share the Message of Your love and power. Help me to do my part in making Your love known to others. Bring many people to know and love You in the fellowship of Your Church. For Jesus Christ, our Saviour's sake. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH ARMY

FOR ITS OFFICERS : Grant O God, to the Officers of the Church Army

the Faith which sees the Cross and knows that all men may be redeemed;

the Hope which sees the empty tomb and knows that good must triumph over evil;

the Love which sees Jesus and knows that in Him alone the hearts of men can be fully satisfied;

For His Name's sake. Amen.

FOR THE SUPPLY OF ITS NEEDS : O God our Heavenly Father, who has enabled the Church Army to make your love known through the preaching of the Gospel and through social service, grant that many may hear your call to serve in its ranks and to support it by their prayers and by their gifts, and help us all to be faithful witnesses for you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Looking to the future

Your legacy to the Church Army could help enable the future training of men and women as evangelists and the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgages, debt or other property intended to be given.



Most busy people find they can accumulate additional jobs very easily, but that it is much more difficult to reduce the work load. Therefore I consider myself fortunate to have found a new Editor for this magazine. She is Sister Pat Free, our Staff Sister here at Federal Office. I commend Sister Free to our readers in the belief that she will produce many very interesting issues of The Pioneer. I know she would value your prayer support and also, from time to time, your comments and suggestions.

I have always enjoyed editing the magazine and have been grateful for the interest shown by many readers.

The production costs are going up all the time, so if you can find us some new subscribers it would be a great help and encouragement.

(Captain) R. L. Gwilt.

A Happy 40th Birthday

Officially, the 40th anniversary of the Church Army in Australia fell on Sunday, 4th August. For the occasion, several Sydney officers joined with others already in Newcastle to preach at the morning services of a number of parishes. Together with one Church Army wife and the Rev. Dr. A. Capell, nine officers visited Islington, Mayfield, Hamilton, Merewether, Georgetown, Kotara South, Charles-town, Belmont, Lambton, Wallisend, Stockton, Willamtown, Cook's Hill, Hamilton South, Beresfield, Adamstown and the Cathedral.

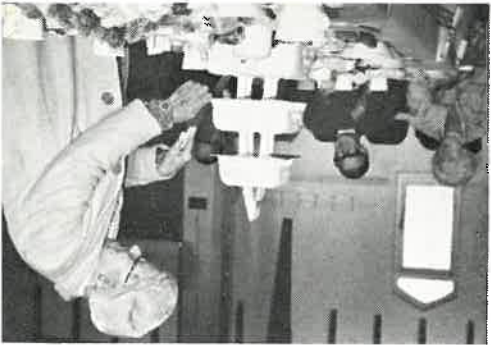
Thanksgiving to God for 40 Years of Evangelism

The Preacher at the Service in Christ Church Cathedral was the Venerable Neville Chynoweth, Archdeacon of Canberra and a Member of the

Birthday Party

At 4.00 p.m. they met with other officers, friends and supporters for splendid Tea, provided

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Third Aboriginal Priest

The Reverend Captain Norman Polgen is only the third Aboriginal to be ordained a priest in the Church of England in Australia. He was made a deacon in 1969 when serving in the Perth Diocese and was ordained priest by the Bishop of Rockhampton on the 11th July.

The Cathedral at Rockhampton was well filled with a large number of people from local parishes as well as the boys and staff of the St. George's Home. Quite a number of clergy were also present. The ordination service had quite a Church Army flavour as three other officers were present and shared in the Service. The Epistle was read by Captain Warren Darnley who is on the staff of the Gladstone parish in the Rockhampton Diocese, and the Gospel was read by Norman's brother, Captain Alan Polgen. The Federal Secretary, Captain R. L. Gwilt, preached the sermon, using the words of our Lord from John 13v.17 as the text — "If you know these things happy are you if you do them." It was probably a unique experience for a layman to preach at an ordination service and was made

The next morning at 7 o'clock Norman celebrated his first Communion service and the little church of St. George was filled to capacity with friends and well-wishers and the boys and staff of the Home.

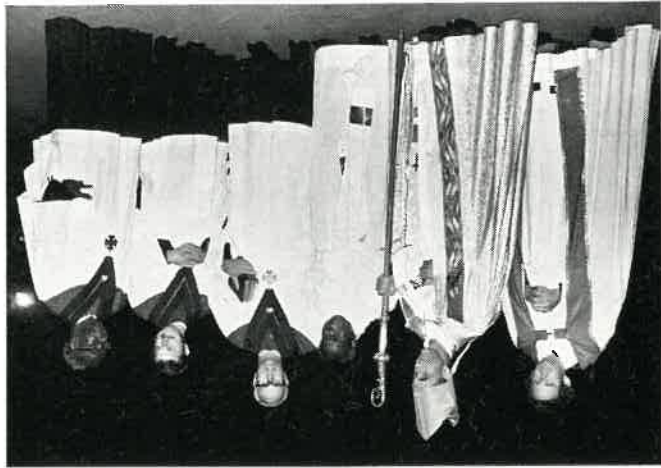
Norman is the only ordained officer serving in the Society and he will continue his present work on the staff of the St. George's Home and assisting on Sundays in the local parish. He also visits the Rockhampton Gaol where he has a particular ministry to Aboriginal prisoners.

Is God calling you to proclaim Christ?

The Church Army trains Evangelists. Young men and women, 19-35 years of age, communicant members of the Church of England in Australia, are invited to write to :

The Candidates' Secretary,
The Church Army in Australia,
P.O. Box 107,
French's Forest, N.S.W. 2086.

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A HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY (continued)

As a team, they are going out in answer to the command :
"You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16.15, Living Bible).

David's own particular responsibility is at St. Luke's Church of England Retirement Village, where he is the Chaplain. He visits people individually, and regularly leads a time of Bible Study and discussion at the Village, for those who are interested to come. David and Diana believe they are called by God to proclaim His love in Jesus Christ to those they meet.

Church Army Executive Board. The Archdeacon spoke on the text, 'I have become everything in turn to men of every sort, so that in one way or another I may save some' (1 Corinthians 9:22). He

spoke of the beginnings of the Church Army in England and its establishment in Australia in 1934 under Captain John Cowland. "Church Army officers are called to a wide variety of tasks," he said, "conducting missions, hostels for children, homes for the aged, chaplains in industry and to penal establishments Aborigines have for some years played a significant role as Church Army officers, ministering to their own people as well as to white folk Captain John McKnight, working amongst young people living in communes on the north coast of New South Wales, continues the Church Army tradition of becoming 'everything in turn to men of every sort'."

Sydney

"Celebrations" in Sydney took place mainly on Sunday, 21st July, when officers preached at morning and evening services at Windsor, Fairfield, Pageewood, Bondi, Lithgow, Granville, North Parramatta, Narellan, Picton, Epping, Gordon and Ryde.

Thank You

We are especially grateful to the bishops and clergy, who make our visits to so many parishes possible, and to their parishioners for the interest shown in our work and their generous response to our financial needs.

Church Army

